

409.2 Conservation Planning Assistance Delivery.

(a) All citizens of Tennessee will have equal access to NRCS programs and conservation planning assistance. Assistance provided will be in compliance with all Civil Right Acts, Non-discrimination statutes, and regulations of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

(a) NRCS traditionally provides conservation planning assistance on a request basis.

(1) Assistance is given on individual land units through soil conservation districts based on a mutual agreement and a cooperative working agreement.

(3) NRCS may enter into agreements with other organizations and units of Government.

(d) In providing assistance, NRCS Tennessee will comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, program rules, policy statements, executive orders, and international agreements.

(e) Area wide conservation planning, especially for those situations with complex objectives, requires the use of interdisciplinary teams of specialists in the planning effort. Requests for use of interdisciplinary teams for area wide planning will be made in writing to the Tennessee State Conservationist. In complex situations, the Tennessee State Conservationist will employ an early scoping process to determine expected needs for NRCS services and other resources before committing to area wide planning assistance.

(g) Assistance on Federal or State land requiring a significant amount of NRCS resources beyond the required scoping process will be based on an agreement that provides for reimbursement of NRCS services. The Tennessee State Conservationist will determine when an agreement is required.